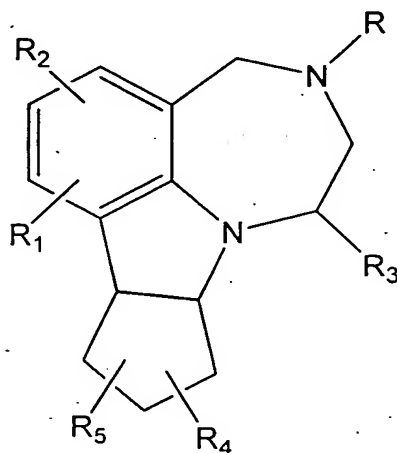


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention provides a process for the preparation of 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 10a-octahydro-7bH-cyclopenta[b][1,4]diazepino[6, 7, 1-h]indole derivatives of the general formula:



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wherein: R is H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, -CH<sub>2</sub>-cycloalkyl, acyl, aryl or aroyl; R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are H, hydroxy, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, halogen, fluorinated alkyl, -CN, -NH-SO<sub>2</sub>-alkyl, -SO<sub>2</sub>-NH-alkyl, alkyl amide, amino, alkylamino, dialkylmino, fluorinated alkoxy, acyl, aryl or aroyl; R<sub>3</sub> is H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, fluorinated alkyl, alkyl sulfonamide, alkyl amide, amino, alkylamino, dialkylmino, fluorinated alkoxy, acyl, aryl or aroyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as well as intermediates for their synthesis.